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The Honorable George P. Shultz
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Dear Secretary Shultz: ~~Enclosed Non-Disclosure Info.~~

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We understand that you plan to give informal notification for a \$450 million support package for AWACS in Saudi Arabia. In light of recent revelations about Saudi Arabia obtaining Chinese intermediate range ballistic missiles (IRBMs), we strongly believe that our current policy toward arms sales to Saudi Arabia must be re-examined. Therefore, we hope that the Administration will not move forward at this time with the AWACS package.

The Saudi-Chinese IRBM threatens the entire Middle East. It is a mobile missile with a range of up to 1,850 miles, giving the Saudis ~~the capability to strike targets throughout the Middle~~ East, and beyond. It is the first time a weapon of this capability has been introduced into this region and the first major purchase of military hardware by Saudi Arabia from a communist country.

We are also deeply concerned that the Saudis hid the fact that they possess these weapons. This situation raises serious questions about the possibility of the Saudis compromising the security and technology of sensitive weapons systems.

In light of the tremendous threat to regional security, the United States should reconsider any new arms sales to the Kingdom until this matter is fully resolved and the Chinese missiles are withdrawn. Our government must make unequivocal its absolute opposition to the presence of the Chinese missiles, which represent a new and grave threat to the peace of the region. We appreciate your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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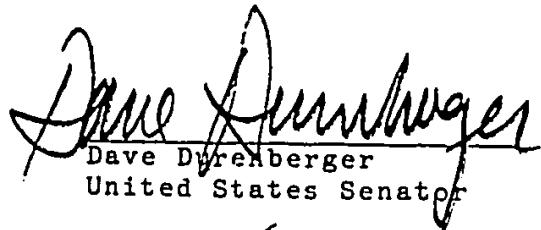
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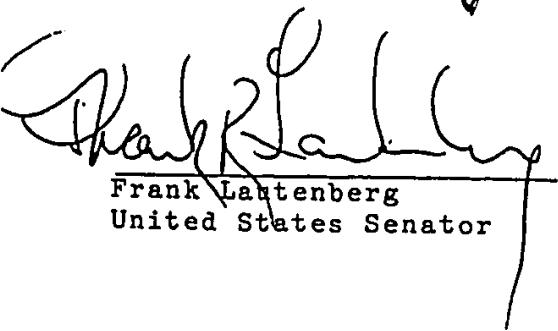
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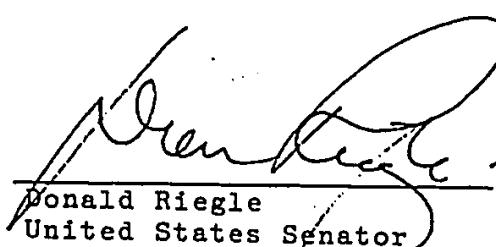
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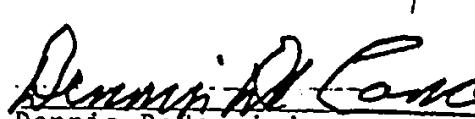
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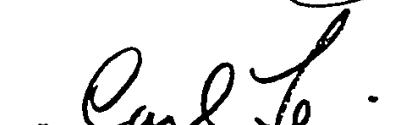

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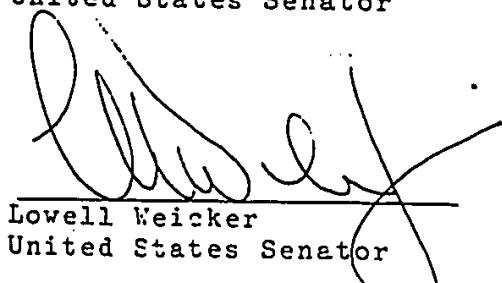

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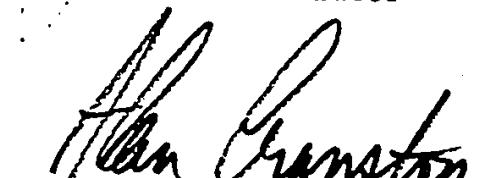

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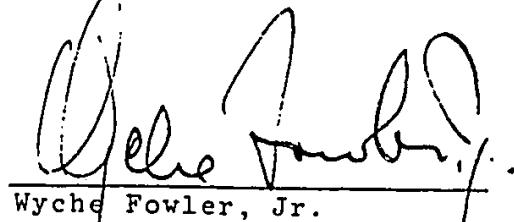

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